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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 05826

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, JO  
SUBJECT: JORDAN'S FMS DEBTS ARREARAGE

1. IN FAREWELL CALL JULY 9, AMBASSADOR BROUGHT UP WITH JORDANIAN  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GEN. BIN SHAKER SUBJECT OF JORDAN'S FMS DEBT  
ARREARAGES. MENTIONING SEVERAL PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS ON SUBJECT,  
AMBASSADOR SAID HE FELT THAT PROMPT GOJ PAYMENT ON FMS DEBTS WOULD  
BE MOST IMPORTANT THING GOJ CAN DO NOW TO CLEAR UP ITS MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U. S. AND IMPROVE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE  
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AMBASSADOR SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED NEED TO REPAY CURRENTLY OVERDUE  
FY69, FY72, AND FY75 DEBTS(STATE 170606, 170607, 170608).

2. GENERAL BIN SHAKER READILY ACKNOWLEDGED HIS AGREEMENT WITH  
AMBASSADOR'S POINT AND SAID HE HAD JUST FINISHED THREE HOUR MEETING  
ON SUBJECT OF FMS DEBT WITH PRIME MINISTER BADRAN AND MINISTER OF  
FINANCE. BIN SHAKER SAID GOJ HAS NOW FORMULATED A NEW PROCEDURE  
WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL HELP CLEAR UP THE DELAYS IN GOJ PAYMENTS. JAF  
HAS GIVEN GOVERNMENT (MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND FOR FIRST TIME CENTRAL  
BANK) A FULL LIST OF ALL FMS CREDIT PAYMENTS DUE THROUGH END OF 1979.  
IN A NEW PROCEDURE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE WILL ORDER CENTRAL BANK  
FIFTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO DUE DATE TO MAKE PAYMENT TO U.S.G. THIS PRO-  
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CEDURE WILL AVOID THE BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED AND  
HE HOPES THIS WILL INSURE PROMPT PAYMENT OF DEBTS.

3. GENERAL BIN SHAKER ALSO SAID JAF HEADQUARTERS HAS TRANSLATED INTO  
ARABIC, TO MAKE SURE RELEVANT GOJ OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND IT, USEFUL  
RECENT LETTER (AMMAN A-33, DATED JUNE 18, 1978) AMBASSADOR SENT ON  
NEW U.S. PROCEDURES (STATE 124355, DTG 162006Z MAY 78) REGARDING PAY-

MENT TO U.S. FOR FMS DEBTS. BIN SHAKER IMPLIED RECEIVING CLEAR  
STATEMENT ON THESE PROCEDURES WAS HELPFUL IN FORCEFULLY MAKING  
CIVILIAN GOJ AGENCIES AWARE OF STRICT REQUIREMENT FOR TIMELY REPAY-  
MENT OF DEBTS. PICKERING

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